

serious and subdued tone—
"He who sheddeth man's blood,
by man shall his blood be shed."

He then paused until the last lingering sound of his strangely musical voice had died away, and then amid the thrilling silence that ensued, he resumed in a louder tone—

"These words of holy writ are unmistakable in their import; they tell us as plainly as words can tell—that a murderer should not go unpunished—but these very words impose upon us a solemn obligation to look well and wisely ere we perform the fearful act of punishing by death. Life is a glorious gift—it is a spark of divinity—a portion of God. Should we not tremble to quench the taper lighted by an Almighty hand? Even when we look upon one whom we are told has stained his soul with the blood of a brother, should we not ponder deeply and consider wisely ere we condemn the accused? He stands before us erect in the pride of manhood; his brow lifted to heaven, his form fashioned in the likeness of his divine creator, and his mind a portion of God like intelligence? It is hard to think a being thus created would forget his holy birthright, and degrade himself beneath the brutes that perish—it is hard to think a being thus endowed and thus blessed would turn from his high destiny to do a deed which humanity shudders to contemplate—And yet the prisoner at the bar is charged with such a deed! Oh! there is a doubt of his guilt, should we not admit that doubt, and if there is a hope of his innocence, should we not turn to that hope & let its blessed light lead us to mercy?"

He then proceeded to comment upon that portion of the evidence which favored the belief of the prisoner's innocence. He made use of it and placed every favorable circumstance in the best possible light. He came at length to speak of the relatives of the accused—of the young wife, with the sweet and trusting love of woman; with her dependence for comfort, her hopes of happiness, her every thought and dream and wish centered in the one dear object whom she had chosen as her protector. He pictured the pleasant home, the cheerful fireside, the happy wife listening with smiling face to the sound of approaching steps. He described the change that would come over this scene, if he who stood at the bar of justice pleading for mercy should be condemned. The wife's utter desolation of heart; the destruction of her every joy; the wreck and ruin of her every hope. The desolate home, the darkened hearth, the ceaseless tears, and the gloomy accompaniment of woe. He called attention to the aged parent, and then his own soul responded to the same emotions that thrilled the hearts of his auditors. Oh! how touchingly and fervently did he paint the holy love of a mother for her son! Her suffering in giving him life; her tender and untiring care over his helpless infancy, her unweary watches by his cradle bed in his hours of sickness, and her holy teaching in his days of health, her constant prayers for his happiness and her ceaseless affection through every change. Then he asked if such prayers and such love were all in vain, if, despite their sacred influence, their beloved object should sink to eternal infancy, and the grey hairs of that aged mother go down in shame and sorrow to the grave. And then he conjured those who heard him, by every generous feeling of their hearts, by every blessing they held dear, by every hallowed tie that bound them, parents, wife, and child, to shut from their minds all belief of the prisoner's guilt.

When that thrilling speech was ended, there was one deep drawn breath from the multitude who had been so long almost motionless as statues, and then arose a tumult and thunder of applause which shook the stately building to its foundation. Long continued and oft repeated was that burst of admiration and the speaker hailed it as an omen of success. The trial went on; the prosecuting attorney made his plea. He spoke ably and powerfully, but he spoke to ears that heard him not, or to hearts that had already decided against him. The Judge's charge was favorable for the prisoner and the jury retired amid faces bright with the hopes of an acquittal. A few moments of suspense passed, and then the men upon whose lips hung the fiat of life or death, returned a verdict of "not guilty!" The shout of applause that pealed from the despairing crowd told how satisfactorily that decision was received.

The prisoner was pressed in the arms of his delighted relatives; and then the aged mother and the young wife and the bewildered acquitted knelt, and with tears of gratitude called down blessings upon him who had exerted himself so nobly in their behalf.

It were hard to say who was the happiest of that group—the man released so unexpectedly from a loathsome cell and the fears of an ignominious death,—the relatives lifted so suddenly from the depth of shame and sorrow to the pinnacle of hope and happiness—or the advocate whose benevolent heart exulted in the reflection of the good deed it had done.

That evening the widow and her son cumulated together again in their home. It was no longer a lonely and cheerless one, but lofty and spacious and surrounded with all the comforts and elegances of life. As for the mother, words may not seek to describe nor thought endeavor to imagine the holy joy and gratitude that reigned in her heart. Suffice it to say her griefs were all forgotten, her years of care and anxiety, her countless tears, toils and troubles all recompensed; more than recompensed by her newly acquired bliss. And her son, her glorious child, glorious despite the doubtful promise of his spring time—had not his ambitious dreams and lofty aspirations been, that day, abundantly gratified?

After many moments indulgence of a happiness too deep for words the mother spoke—*"Said I not, my dear boy, that the glance of pity and the tone of scorn would be changed to the look of approval and the word of praise. Has not the experience of this day proved that I told thee aright?"*

"It has indeed, dear mother—to thee I owe this triumph. But for thee and thy blessed counsel I should have been a miserable wretch, despised by society and detested by my own heart. Thy excellent teachings have made me what I am, and to thee my eternal gratitude is due. 'Not so, my son, not to me but to thy father in heaven be all the praise awarded. Let us kneel my dear child, and pray for a fitting spirit to bear this excess of joy.'"

[Ladies Companion.]

Decision of the U. States Circuit Court, upon the Tax sale law:

"The argument upon the validity of a Sheriff's deed, under the Tax law of 1843, in conveying title to property, having been concluded in the U. S. Circuit Court, yesterday, Judges Catron and Wells delivered separate opinions, agreeing, however, in their conclusions, upon the point which had been raised. We understand the effect of the decision to be, that a Sheriff's deed is prima facie evidence of title, as declared by statute, and it devolves on the party contesting the right, to show that the State had no title vested in her that would pass title—the tax having been paid, or the existing law not having been complied with.

"They further decided that, no matter in whose name lands might be assessed, they were properly described, such sale and deed would operate to pass title—leaving the party to prove, that the tax upon such described land had been paid.

"The objections to a Sheriff's deed under this law, which, by the decision of the Court must be left to the jury, will, we suppose, in almost every case of a similar character, result to the loss of the Speculator. If, for instance, no deed has ever passed to the State from the collector, as required by law, and the jury so believe from the absence of the record of such deed, in the proper office, they will, in all probability, hold that the negative proposition thrown upon the defendant is proven. And as the State can only pass such title as is vested in her, the purchaser has only obtained an equitable interest, and not one that can be enforced in a court of law. There are other objections, which, it may be safely assumed, will eventually prevent purchasers from reaping any advantage from titles derived at such sales.

"A case is pending in the Supreme Court of this State, involving the same question, which will, we suppose, determine at the tax term."

"My dear husband," said an amiable and witty wife to her truant lord, one morning after returning home at a late hour, somewhat the worse for an evening's dissipation, "do you think, really, that man and wife are both one, as is sometimes said? 'Certainly, my dear, how shall it be otherwise? But why ask the question. 'Because,' she replied, 'if that be the fact, I am bound to express my regret and ask your forgiveness for being imprudent last night. Pardon me this offence and I promise you that I will never get drunk again.'—The rebuke was effectual.

HARD TO UNDERSTAND.
"Well, my lad that is small corn you are being."

"Yes, sir," said the boy, while he continued his labor, "we planted small corn."

"But it looks rather yellow."

"Yes, sir, we planted the yellow

kind," returned the boy, scratching away the hard stony soil.
"But I don't believe you will have more than half a crop," continued the traveller.
"No, sir, we planted on shales," hallowed the boy and the stranger rode off.

LAUGH AND BE MERRY.

BY D. C. COLESWORTHY.
Laugh, laugh and be merry—
O, why should you sigh,
When sorrow is distant,
And pleasure is high?
Why languish your spirits,
Why moisten your eyes,
When gladness and sunshine
Illumine the skies?
Laugh, laugh and be merry,
And mock at despair—
With nature around you
A sunny face wear,
Be pleasant and cheerful,
Be active and bright,
And as the day wareth
Sing, sing of delight.

Laugh, laugh and be merry—
Look up in pure love,
From dust and from shadows,
To glory above.
With Hope in the bosom,
And faith in the eye,
The clouds will all scatter
That darken the day.

Laugh, laugh and be merry,
Wherever ye be—
In summer and winter,
On land or on sea;
Be pleased and be thankful,
At home or abroad—
For sunshine and gladness,
Are smiles from the Lord.

Laugh, laugh and be merry,
'Tis fools who are sad,
Who read not in Nature
'Tis wise to be glad;
Who travel in sorrow,
In anguish and fear,
And grasp at a shadow,
When substance is near.

Laugh, laugh and be merry,
And sing as ye go;
The hearts that are highest,
True happiness know,
With earth and with heaven,
A sunny face wear,
Laugh, laugh and be merry,
And mock at despair.

DECIDEDLY RICH

An exchange paper gives the following anecdote, and gravely avers that several persons were witnesses of the scene, in Saratoga, New York:—A rattlesnake who had drank a little too freely, fell from a part of the raft where he was employed, and was near drowning, when his brother plunged in to his relief, seized him by the tail, and was struggling with him to the shore. The tide was strong, and the brother's strength being nearly exhausted, he was about relinquishing his hold, when the despairing one, raising his head above water, exclaimed, "Hang on, Sam! hang on!—I'll rescue, I swear I will!" These words were stimulating, and his brother saved his life.

FIRE AT OSWEGO.

The extensive foundry, &c., of Messrs D Talcott & Son, in the village of Oswego, was with the greater part of the contents, consumed by fire on the 27th ult. There were 5 different branches of business carried on there by the Messrs. Talcott, with minor works incidental thereto. The loss is between 10 and 14,000, of which only \$3,000 was insured.

MARRIED.

On the 17th, by Rev. W. Crockett, Mr. Harrison Norton to Miss Marinda Pharr, all of this county.
On Thursday evening, the 10th inst., by the rev. William Davis, Mr. Rufus Easton to Miss Nancy Irvine; all of this county.

Preaching.

The Rev. J. W. Thomas, of the M. E. Church, will preach at the Court House, in this place, on to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

DIED.

In Buffalo township, in this county, on the 19th of March, Mr. THOMAS CUNNINGHAM, aged 52 years, 11 months, and 20 days.

At the residence of her son-in-law's, Edwin Draper, in Louisiana, Mo., on the 15th inst., Mrs. MARTHA PETTIBONE, consort of Levi Pettibone, of this place.

Death is the inexorable law of our nature, against its insidious approach no talent, worth, piety or foresight, can shield us. But two weeks since the subject of this notice left her home with long years of happiness in prospective;

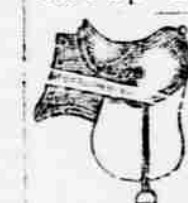
without warning almost she has been consigned to the tomb; teaching us by a mournful example, of the uncertain approach of death.

We know when moon shall wane,
When summer-birds from far shall cross the seas,
When autumn's hues shall tinge the golden grain;
But who shall teach us when to look for thee

Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the North winds breath,
And stars to set—but all
Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O death,
But thine is a fountain of consolation,
from which all whose cup of happiness is drained to the dregs of bitterness, will drink in the knowledge of another and a happier world, where all the bright and celestial anticipations of this will be gratified, and where the keen pangs of the world's disappointments shall cease. Let the tears of the sorrowing friends of Mrs. Pettibone be as a testament of her worth.

SADDLERY!

Cheap Establishment.



Saddles, Bridles, Martingales, Buggy and Wagon Harness, Collars, Wagon whips, Saddle Bags, and all the articles usually found in a Saddler's shop.
ALL of which the undersigned offers to the public at his old stand in Louisiana, made of materials just laid in at St. Louis, and at prices that cannot fail to suit those who wish to purchase. Thankful to those who have heretofore encouraged him, the undersigned still solicits a share of public patronage in his line; and if good work and good materials are to have any influence with purchasers he defies being **Blocked**.
O. C. TINKER.
April 19th, 1845. tf-12

BOOT & SHOE MAKING.



THE undersigned will keep constantly on hand at his shop in Louisiana, a supply of Boots and Shoes, made of the best Eastern materials. All work from under his hands is warranted to stand fast. His prices are as follows:
For Kip boots, - - - \$3.25
" Coarse boots, - - - 2.50
" Course shoes from \$1 to 1.50.
All other work made to order cheaper than it can be done in any other shop in the county. Campbell & Watts, as well as Reynolds & Orry, in Bowling Green, will be kept constantly supplied with his work of every description.
D. L. WALSWORTH.
April 16th, 1845. ly-12

For Sale,

200 Acres of first rate land, lying about one mile east of Ashley, and six miles south-east of Bowling Green. The tract is remarkably well watered, which is a great desideratum in this country. There is a good dwelling house, Barn, and other out houses, besides two tobacco barns on the premises. Terms, one half in cash, one fourth in one year and the remaining fourth in two years after contracted for. For further particulars, apply to the subscriber on the premises.
AMOS MENDENHALL.
April 19th 1845. 3w12

SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHING!

THE subscriber has just returned from the city of New York, (and taken his old stand, 52 Main street), with an entire new stock of SPRING & SUMMER CLOTHING, comprising every article usually kept in a clothing or furnishing store. His goods are all new and bought for cash, and are manufactured under his own direction, expressly for this market, in the latest and most fashionable style.

Having formed a connection with a wholesale dry goods house in the city of New York, enabling him to take advantage of the market in buying usually low at auction. He can, therefore, confidently assure buyers of ready made clothing, that he not only can, but will sell them clothing not only as cheap but cheaper than any other clothing in the city of St. Louis. Buyers are invited to call and examine before purchasing elsewhere.
M. BROWN.
No. 52 Main Street.

Executor's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has taken out letters Testamentary, on the estate of William Rice, deceased, late of Pike County, Missouri, bearing date the 10th day of April, 1845. All persons, therefore, indebted to the estate of said deceased, are requested to make immediate payment; and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them properly authenticated, within one year from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from having any benefit of said estate, and if said claims are not presented within three years, they will be forever barred.
JOHN SPENCER, Executor.
SAMUEL PRICE, Exr.
April 19th 1845. 4w12

G. B. PERKINS, ATTORNEY AT LAW.

Auburn, Lincoln county, Mo.
WILL attend to any business entrusted to his care in the counties of Lincoln, Pike, Ralls, Montgomery, Warren and St. Charles.
April 19th, 1845. ly12

Carder Wanted.

THE subscriber wishes to employ a good Carder for the present season, and will pay good wages for one that can come well recommended. Call on the undersigned at Spencerburg, Pike county, Mo.

J. M. WEATHERFORD.
April 19th, 1845. tf-12

FINAL SETTLEMENT.

NOTICE is hereby given to all interested parties in the estate of James Davis, deceased, that the undersigned will apply at the next June term of the County Court of Pike County Missouri for a final settlement of his Executorship of said Estate.
A. J. DAVIS, Exr.
April 19th 1845. 4w12

JUSTICE BACON'S, Law Day, on the 24th day of May, in Louisiana, Mo.

April 11th, 1845. 11

Notice.

ALL those having demands against the Estate of William H. Tinsley, deceased, are hereby requested to present their claims at the next county court, as their is a probability that they may be settled immediately.

CHAS. BACON, Adm'r.
April 12th, 1845. tf-11

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the undersigned has obtained of the Clerk of the County Court of Ralls Co., letters of Administration with the will annexed, on the estate of Leon and Porter, deceased, bearing date the 13th March, 1845.

All persons having claims against said estate, are requested to exhibit them properly authenticated, within one year from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from having any benefit of said estate, and if not exhibited within three years, they will be forever barred.
JAMES BUFORD, Adm'r.
April 12th, 1844. 3w11

List of Letters,

REMAINING in the Post-office at Bowling Green, Mo., on the 31st day of April, 1845, which if not taken out within three months, will be sent to the general Post office as dead letters:

Smith & Allen,	David Miller,
Henry Atkins,	Wm. McGinnis,
McIntosh & Buford,	Wm. Oldham,
Wm R. Biggs,	Matilda Pritchett,
John H. Brown, 2	Nelson Perce,
Col R. Boon,	John Ross,
Adam Brantetter,	Thomas River,
L. J. Brantetter,	Benjamin Robinson,
Rev W Crockett,	John Stewart,
Walter Crow,	Sam'l Schoeller,
Wm Clifton,	Eliza J. Suck,
Wm H Fry,	Sam'l C Stevens,
Turna Gooch,	James S Turner,
Thomas Grafford,	F C Todd,
J N Henderson,	Harman Utterback,
Wm Hord,	Aley Washam,
Wm Hutchinson,	Wm Waters,
Benjamin Homes,	Wm Willis,
Andrew Hudduck,	John Ware,
Enoch Hendrix,	Wm I. Vaughn,
Joseph Herridge,	Mrs Maria Johnson,
Andrew S Love,	Johnson Lacy,
	H. G. EDWARDS, P. M.

April 5th, 1845. 3w19

STATE OF MISSOURI, } SS.

County of Pike.
To Robert Burbridge, James Burbridge, Patsey Mills, John Burbridge, William Burbridge, and the heirs of Polly Jackson, deceased:

TAKE NOTICE: That at the ensuing term of the county court for Pike county, to be begun and held at the court house, in Bowling Green, in said county, on the first Monday in June next, or as soon thereafter as hearing can be had, I shall make application to said court for an order for the partition and division of the Slaves belonging to the Estate of Roland Burbridge, deceased, late of said county; and if partition cannot be made in kind, for an order of sale of said slaves.

WM. K. BURBRIDGE, in his own right, and as guardian of John Q. Burbridge.
April 5th, 1845. 8w10

Regular Semi-Weekly Packet.

U. S. MAIL

Boreas No. 2.

THOS. M. FITHIAN, Master.

Will leave St. Louis on Wednesdays and Saturdays, at 4 o'clock, p. m. Returning, will leave Keokuk every Sunday and Thursday, at 4 o'clock, p. m.; Warsaw and Alexandria at 5; Tully at 6; Lagrange at 7, p. m.; same days; Quincy on Monday and Friday, at 8 o'clock, a. m.; Marion City at 9, a. m.; Hannibal at 10, Louisiana at 12, n.; and Clarksville at 1, p. m., same days.

The Boreas, No. 2, being built expressly for the trade, with great speed, and very superior accommodations for passengers, will, at the opening of navigation, take the place of the **Bogus**, and may be relied on for the same promptness, regularity, and attention to passengers and shippers, as heretofore.
March 5th, 1845. 6.

THE DEMOCRATIC BANNER

Is published every Saturday Morning at Bowling Green, by
S. F. MURRAY & A. J. PICKENS.

Terms of the Banner.

For a single copy, in advance, \$2.00, if not in advance but during the year, \$2.50, if after the expiration of the year, \$3.00. For a club of Six subscribers, in advance, \$10. For Ten subscribers, in advance, \$15.00.
All letters to the Editors, by mail, must be post paid.

Rates of Advertising.

For one square of fifteen lines or under, one insertion, 75 cents; for each subsequent insertion, 38 cents.

A liberal deduction to those advertising by the year.

Advertisements not marked with the number of insertions required, will be continued until otherwise ordered.

NEW GOODS.

BLOCK & SON.
HAVE just received at their old stand, in Ashley, Mo., a large and well selected assortment of latest style fancy and Staple

Dry Goods.

ALSO Groceries, Hard-ware, Queens-ware, &c., &c.

Which they are determined to sell very low for CASH or Good Merchandise. Having purchased their stock at a very small advance on Eastern cost, they are therefore enabled to sell the same much cheaper than they have ever before been offered in this part of the country. They respectfully invite their old customers and the public generally, to come and examine their stock and prices; their motto being

Quick sales and small profits.

For Sale.

Iron, Steel, Castings, Horse-Collars, Hames, Trace-Chains, Nails, Window-Glass, Putty, Linseed Oil, Turpentine, Cod-Fish, Mackeral, Garden-Hoes, Sad-Irons, Sole and Upper Leather, Louisiana Flour, &c., &c. All at the lowest cash prices.

BLOCK & SON.

Ashley, March 27th, 1845. 3w9

FINAL SETTLEMENT.

NOTICE is hereby given to all interested in the estate of James G. Reading, deceased, that the undersigned will apply at the next June term of the county court of Pike county, Missouri, for a final settlement of his administration of said estate.

GEORGE READING, Jr., Administrator.

March 22nd, 1845. 4w8.

PIKE CIRCUIT COURT, IN VACATION—15th February, 1845.

Peter Collop,

vs.
Lease Reed and Sally his wife, Eve Williams, Christina Goodman, Cate Smith, Michael Pickle and Betsy his wife, Tobias Pickle & Mary his wife; the heirs of John Collop, deceased, and the unknown heirs of Rebecca Collop, deceased.

AND now at this day the plaintiff, by A. H. Buckner, his attorney, files his petition for a partition and division of the following described real estate, lying in said county of Pike, viz: a lot of land supposed to contain two acres on which is situated a mill, being a part of the north-west 1/4 of south-east 1/4 of section 10, town ship 31, north range 3 west, and lying on the south side of said lot of land and near the middle of said south line, and bounded as follows: beginning at a white oak on the south side of north river, on the top of the bluff and running about 100 yards to a sugar tree, thence west to an elm, on the north side of river, thence south to a red oak, on the south side of river, and thence east to the beginning; and it appearing from said petition and the affidavit thereto annexed, that the said Cate Smith, Michael Pickle and Betsy his wife, Tobias Pickle and Mary his wife, the heirs of John Collop, deceased, and the unknown heirs of Rebecca Collop, deceased, are non-residents of this State. It is therefore ordered that they be notified of the filing of said petition; and that unless they be and appear at the next Term of this court, to be begun and held at the court house, in Bowling Green, within and for said county of Pike, on the second Monday of April next, and plead within the time allowed for that purpose, judgment, by default, will be rendered against them; and ordered that notice be given by publication of this order in some newspaper in this county for eight weeks successively.

STATE OF MISSOURI } Set.

County of Pike,

I, Simon P. Robinson, Clerk of the Circuit Court, for said county, certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the order.

WITNESS my hand and official Seal, Done at office in Bowling Green, in said county of Pike, this 15th day of February, 1845.

S. P. ROBINSON, Clerk.
February 22, 1845. 8w4

TAILORING.

THE subscriber wishes to inform the citizens of Bowling Green and vicinity, that he has commenced the above business in this place. All work entrusted to his care shall be done in neat and fashionable style. Produce taken in payment of work at cash prices. Work will be done at reasonable prices, and warranted to fit.
C. A. J. WOMACK.
March 8th, 1845. 3w5